

Karst Conservation Assistance Available through the Missouri Department of Conservation

The Missouri Department of Conservation has received a grant from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to partner with private landowners in Southwest Missouri to protect the recharge areas of the state endangered Ozark cavefish. These recharge areas are considered the most sensitive areas affecting known populations of the Ozark cavefish. There are 13 active cavefish sites located throughout the state's southwest region that have had recharge areas delineated through fluorescent dye tracing methods. Landowners within these defined recharge areas will be eligible for special cost-share rates when implementing a conservation practice that benefits groundwater and cavefish protection. An example of some of these practices would include but not be limited to:

Well capping

Cave gating

Riparian corridor establishment

Fencing around karst features

Alternative watering systems for livestock



Contact Blake Stephens at the Neosho MDC office for more information or to schedule a site visit.

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